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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of
Schaible et al.

For: **CATHETER WITH A
TRANSPARENT SHAFT**

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) **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**
) **REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of making a transparent catheter.
- II. Claims 8-21, drawn to an intraluminal catheter.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect group II, claims 8-21, drawn to an intraluminal catheter.

Applicants submit that the pending claims define patentable subject matter, and request consideration and allowance thereof.

No fee is due with this communication. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-0201, referencing Docket No. 9600-3960. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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